

In response to the June 17, 2003 Office Action, please enter the following Remarks:

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the subject application are respectfully requested.

Claims 1-65 are pending in the application. Claims 1, 2, 10, 11, 12 and 65 are independent.

The Office Action dated June 17, 2003 indicated that Applicants' arguments were considered, but were not persuasive. The rejection of Claims 1-65 as being unpatentable over Falke et al. in view of Hawker et al. was maintained. It was indicated that Paragraph 23 defined "dendritic macromolecules" sufficiently to allow it to be used for a claim feature. However, it was then reasoned that use of this term did not limit the claims to the subgroup of dendritic macromolecules set out in Paragraph 24.

Applicants respectfully traverse the outstanding rejection. Reconsideration is requested in light of the following remarks.

Paragraph 23 of the present application states that dendritic macromolecules are generally known in the art and refers to three prior art references.

Paragraph 24 goes onto state that the inventors have surprisingly and unexpectedly discovered that a sub-group of dendritic macromolecules is particularly advantageous to confer load building properties to an isocyanate-based foam. This is shown in the Examples in the present application. See, for example, the conclusions reached in Paragraphs 51, 57, 60 and 63 of the present application, where the exemplary results are discussed and there is a clear benefit shown in utilizing the dendritic macromolecules referred to in Paragraph 24 in an isocyanate-based foam to confer load building properties.

The sub-group of dendritic macromolecules referred to in Paragraph 24 is not taught or suggested in the general references described in Paragraph 23. It is this sub-group of dendritic macromolecules that is the subject of Claims 1-65.

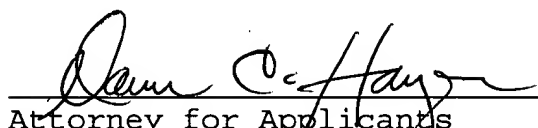
Applicants respectfully request that the outstanding rejection be reconsidered and withdrawn.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is believed that this application is now in condition for allowance, and a Notice thereof is respectfully requested.

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